and storage of hazardous microorganisms/genetically engineered organisms or cells are regulated as per the **Rules for the manufacture, Use, Import and Storage of hazardous Microorganism/Genetically Engineered organisms or Cells, 1989**, notified under the Environmental Protection Act, 1986. As per the provisions under these rules, food stuffs, ingredients in food stuffs and additives including processing aids containing or consisting of genetically engineered organisms or cells shall not be produced, sold, imported or used except with the approval of the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee, constituted by the Ministry of environment & Forests. The Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC) set up as per the rules framed under the Environmental Protection Act, 1986 has permitted the import of GM soyabean oil from round up ready soybean. No other G.M. Food Products have been approved by GEAC.

(c) and (d) A draft notification for labelling of Genetically Modified Foods/ingredients under PFA Rules, 1955 was published vide GSR No. 152(E) dated 10.3.2006 for inviting objections and suggestions from the public. In view of divergent comments received from various stakeholders with regard to the implementation of the certain provisions of the proposed amendment rules the finalization of notification was kept in abeyance. The provisions to regulate Genetically Modified Foods will be taken up by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India which is being set up under the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006.

World Bank assistance for health programme

1604. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank had provided assistance worth 300 million dollars for health sector programme to different States during the period, 1997-2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the amount received by each State for implementing the programme;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the World bank in its report has recently alleged that former Orissa Health Minister and other official received kickbacks to facilitate the payment of Rs. 2.50 million, in non-bank fund invoices and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the Government's reaction in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The details of World Bank assistance for health sector programmes to different states during the period 1997-2003 are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) With regard to alleged kickbacks to former Orissa health Minister and other officials, it is stated that the Detailed Information Report of the World Bank indicated that a firm has admitted paying INR 500,000 (USD 11,000) to the Orissa State Minister of Health and other ministry officials to facilitate the payment of INR 2.5 million (USD 55,500) in non-Bank funded invoices. The Government of India has taken up this matter with the State Government and the Government of Orissa has entrusted this matter for investigation to its

Vigilance Department which has ordered a full-fledged vigilance inquiry on 24.1.2008 to look into all the irregularities pointed out in the World Bank report.

Statement

World Bank assisted Health System Development Projects in different States during the period 1997—2003

Project Name	Year of Approval	Year of completion on	Net Commitment amount (in US $ million)
Single/Multi state projects			
UP Health Systems Development Project	April-00	Dec.-06	79.9
Orissa Health Systems Development Project	June-98	March-06	82.1
Maharashtra Health Systems	1998	2005	134
Population IX (Rajasthan, Assam, Karnataka)	1994	2001	88.6
AP 1st Referral II Health Systems	1994	2002	133
State Health System II (West Bengal, Karnataka, Punjab)	1996	2004	350
Population VIII (Delhi, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Kolkata)	1992	2002	79
TOTAL			**946.6**

Cosmetics containing heavy metals

1605. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATIRYA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that most of the cosmetics available in the country particularly lipsticks contain lead, arsenics and other heavy metals which can cause health hazards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to take concrete steps to ensure availability of cosmetic items free from such dangerous contents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A private study conducted by a group has made claims that certain cosmetic products available in the country contain higher amount of lead, arsenics and other heavy metals.